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**James Hughes Hancock**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931  
 Education: Alabama 1953 BS, 1957 LLB  
 Began Service: 1973  
 Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Balch, Bingham, Baker, Hawthorne, Ward & Williams (1957-1973)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1953-1955)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama Bar Association; American Bar Association; Birmingham Bar Association

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**Robert B. Propst**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931  
 Education: Alabama 1953 BS, 1957 JD  
 Began Service: 1980  
 Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter



**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wilson, Propst, Isom, Jackson, Bailey & Bolt (1957-1980)

**Military Service:** United States Army Finance Corps (1953-1955)

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**William M. Acker, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1927  
 Education: Birmingham-Southern 1949 AB; Yale 1952 LLB  
 Began Service: September 1982  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Graham, Bibb, Wingo & Foster (1952-1957); Partner, Smyer, White, Reid & Acker (1957-1972); Partner, Dominick, Fletcher, Yeilding, Acker, Wood & Lloyd (1972-1982)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1946-1947)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama Bar Association; Birmingham Bar Association

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**Paul W. Greene**  
Chief Magistrate Judge

Education: South Alabama 1970 BA; Cumberland 1981 JD  
 Term Expires: 2012

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**Terry Michael Putnam**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
 Education: Alabama 1976 BA, 1979 JD  
 Began Service: February 9, 1987  
 Term Expires: February 8, 2011

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Potts & Young (1979-1983); Partner, Potts, Young, Blasingame & Putnam (1983-1987)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama Bar Association; Federal Magistrate Judges Association

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**Robert R. Armstrong, Jr.**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
 Education: Alabama 1970 BA; Cumberland 1974 JD  
 Began Service: August 8, 1990  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Presiding Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 18th Judicial Circuit, Shelby County (1987-1990)

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**Harwell G. Davis III**  
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Began Service: March 19, 1998  
 Term Expires: March 18, 2014

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**John E. Ott**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1955  
 Education: Cumberland 1981 JD  
 Began Service: April 6, 1998  
 Term Expires: April 6, 2014

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Professor, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Miles College of Law (1994-1999); Adjunct Professor, University of Alabama

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, United States District Court (1981-1983)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1983-1998)

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**Benjamin Cohen**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: 1993  
 Term Expires: 2007

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Bankruptcy Judge

Education: South Alabama 1974 BS; Whittier 1980 JD  
 Began Service: January 4, 1992  
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**Legal Practice:** Sole Practitioner (1981-1983); Partner, Gradsky & Mitchell (1983-1991)

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